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CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH BLAIRMORE

Rev. E. B. Arrol, B.A., Minister

Sunday services—
11.00 a.m., Senior school.
2.00 p.m., Junior school.
7.30 p.m., Public worship.
Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m., Prayer service.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, BLAIRMORE

Rev. J. R. Hague, A.Th., Incumbent

Services Sunday next:
10 a.m., Sunday School.
7.30 p.m., Evening service.

REGULAR BAPTISTS

Rev. J. W. MacDonald, Minister.

In the Union hall, Services Sundays:
11 a.m., Senior and junior Sunday school.
7.30 p.m., Song service; 7.45, evening worship.
Thursday, 7.30 p.m., Prayer and Bible study.
Service in Frank 2 p.m. Sundays.
You are cordially invited to our services.

SALVATION ARMY, COLEMAN

Capt. P. Watson — Lieut. G. Fitch

Sunday services:
10.30 a.m., Y.P. Directory Class.
11.00 a.m., Holiness Meeting.
3.00 p.m., Sunday School.
7.30 p.m., Salvation Meeting.
Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Red Shield Auxiliary and Home League.
Thursday: 8 p.m., Praise Meeting. Weddings, funerals and dedications on application to the local officers.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Near the Depot, Coleman

Services: Sunday school at 11 a.m. Morning worship at 12 noon. Street meeting at 6.30 p.m., in front of the Coleman hotel. Evangelistic service at 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Bible study.
Friday, 7.30 p.m., Prayer meeting.

We acknowledge a greeting card from Albert Crowder, whose address now is B60142, A. C. 2 Crowder, J. A. R.C.A.P., Flight 8, Sq. 1, No. 1 Wireless School, Queen Mary Road, Montreal, Quebec.

JOHN GAMACHE PASSES

John Gamache, aged 58, passed away at Coleman on Sunday following an illness of but a few days. "Jack," as he was popularly known, was born at Algoma Mills, Ontario, and came west to the Beaver Mines district about thirty-three years ago, where in partnership with his brother-in-law, Ed. Picard, he opened up a blacksmith shop, the foundation of which still stands there. At the outbreak of the Great War he enlisted with the 192nd Battalion and served overseas. Upon his return from the war he secured employment at the McLaren sawmill west of Blairmore. In 1925 he moved to Coleman as blacksmith at the McGillivray mine, which position he has held since. In 1928 he married Mrs. Ida Nicolson at Blairmore. He is survived by his wife, young son and daughter; a sister, Mrs. E. Picard, in Blairmore, and a brother, Edward Gamache, at Beaver Mines. Funeral service was held in Holy Ghost church on Thursday morning, and the remains were laid to rest in Coleman Catholic cemetery. Crows' Nest Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.

MRS. M. REMINGTON PASSES

One who knew Canada in the days before Confederation, and who was resident of Southern Alberta before the laying of the C.P.R. steel through the Crows' Nest Pass, died at Creston on Saturday last, aged 92. She was Mrs. Mary Remington, a native of Brockville, Ontario, where she was married in 1874 and continued to reside until 1896, when the Remingtons located at Pincher Creek, Alberta, to engage in stock raising, and later were located at Lundbreck and Blairmore. Her husband predeceased her early in the century, and in 1918 Mrs. Remington moved to Creston to reside with a daughter, Mrs. P. Bolton, where she has been ever since. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Bolton, and one son, Gordon Remington, at Pincher Creek. There are also seven grandchildren, including Mrs. Reuben Carnahan, of Blairmore, and five great grandchildren. The remains were laid to rest in Creston cemetery on Monday, following service at St. Stephen's Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. E. Larsen, who delivered an appropriate address. Hymns sung were "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me," while the choir rendered the anthem "O Safe to the Rock that is higher than I."

George Fry, formerly of Hillcrest, now with the naval reserve at Montreal as statistician, was back to Hillcrest with his family for the Yuletide. He reports at Montreal next week.

COWLEY HAPPENINGS

Dec. 26.—Miss Grace Lote was a visitor to Calgary. Mrs. Leslie Day was a patient in St. Vincent's hospital at Pincher Creek for a few days. Mrs. Heap was a patient in hospital at Pincher Creek. Mr. and Mrs. David Murphy and daughter Alanna paid a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Murphy. David was home on Christmas leave from active service at the Pacific coast. On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Floyd Wells entertained the Ladies' Aid of the United church at her home. Miss Madeline Hewitt, of Blairmore, was visiting friends in Cowley. On Thursday night, under auspices of the Alberta Wheat Pool, a picture show and address on the wheat situation were given in the Masonic hall, when Mr. W. Mackenzie, field man, addressed the audience, covering his subject fully. E. I. Duffield, local delegate, gave a report on statistics. A large crowd was present. Dec. 26.—Miss Helen Morrison is spending the Yuletide with her parents here. Miss Sylvia Murphy, of the Calgary normal school, is spending the season's holidays with her parents here. Ronald Morrison, of Medicine Hat, is spending Christmas with his parents. Miss Lillian Porter returned Christmas Eve from Penitence, B. C., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Porter. Lloyd Morrison has returned from Alberta University for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood, of Cranbrook, are visiting their daughters and their families over the festive season. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin and four children are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ernst at Spring Coulee. The Todd Creek school Christmas entertainment on Friday night was well attended, despite rough weather. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smyth are spending the season's holidays with relatives in Calgary. A considerable number of people, principally children, are confined to their homes through illness. Miss Sylvia Evans, of Edmonton, on her way to Coleman, stopped over here to visit for a few days with her sister, Mrs. Alvin Murphy. Miss Evans' marriage to Mr. James Wilson, of Coleman, will take place there this coming Saturday. The Cowley school Christmas entertainment was held on Monday night, when the hall was packed to standing. A lengthy programme was much enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Fortier, Mrs. Lou Lemire, Dave Parry, Larry Potter and the cook at the Cowley Cafe, were among the winners of the tombola prizes. After the entertainment a lively dance ensued for a few hours. A whist drive in aid of the Cowley Christmas Tree was held in the Masonic hall on Thursday night. Prizes were won by Miss Isobel Porter, ladies' first; Miss Barbara Bundy, consolation; Fred Dionne, gent's first; Bill Atkinson, consolation. A turkey was won by Miss I. Porter. A dance followed the drive. On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. M. A. Murphy entertained at tea in honor of Mrs. Alvin Murphy. Among the guests were Mrs. A. Murphy, Mrs. H. Lemire, Mrs. G. Parry, Mrs. Norman Horning, Mrs. Arthur Tustian, Mrs. Stanley Snyder, Mrs. Clarence Webster, Mrs. Frank Pizola, Mrs. Joe Dehmann, Miss Barbara Bundy, Miss Clara Bundy, Mrs. Bud Wall, Miss Bernice Murphy, Miss Helen Morrison, Miss Phyllis Porter, Miss Jean Porter, Mrs. David Murphy, Mrs. Molly Milvain, Miss Cecile Diamond, Miss Edith and Miss Sylvia Murphy.

Joe Stalin celebrated his 61st birthday on December 21st.

TODAY'S CHALLENGE— "CHRISTMAS" or "XMAS"

The other day I was paying a visit to a patient in a local hospital. Another visitor, a girl of school age, picked up a copy of the Christmas War Cry, and as she looked at the cover, said to her little brother, "Come and see the baby Jesus." The little chap toddled over to gaze with childish delight at the picture of the stable scene and the new-born Babe lying in the manger. I thought little of the incident then, but its sweet simplicity has since continually impressed itself on my mind. That girl had caught the true Christmas spirit—she wanted others to see Jesus. Perhaps that is where a great deal of the trouble exists today; people have failed to see Christ in Christmas! I have often noticed the much-used word "Xmas." Many will suggest that it is but an abbreviation which has become popularized. To this I agree, not only in respect to the spelling of, but the spirit of the word. The great masses have replaced Christ with an "X," an unknown quantity, a vague "something" in the background of the picture. This is the challenge of our day—Christmas with Christ or Xmas without. This challenge looms on the international horizon like a great ogre. Into our hands has been placed the responsibility of holding high the torch of Christianity. May we faithfully do so, and God grant that its beams may never cease to shed the light upon a sin-cursed world. The community circles, too, are faced with this challenge. How common is the remark that Christmas has become too commercialized. But who is to blame? If our merchants did not place a suitable display of festive requirements, we would only go elsewhere to have our wants supplied. The solution certainly is not to be found in our stores, but rather in our homes. Children too often know nothing of what Christmas really is. To them it means a visit from Santa Claus, with toys, turkey, candy and other treats. Countless parents are guilty of the offence of giving their children a merry Xmas, instead of a merry Christmas, where Jesus is recognized. And how many parents themselves never stop to consider what it all means. They buy gifts and present them without realizing that it is simply reflecting the giving of the greatest gift of all time—the One who the Angels declared should be called Jesus, for He would save His people from their sins. I recently read of a little child who knelt to say his prayers at the close of a happy Christmas day. He began to repeat the Lord's prayer, and in his jumbled thoughts of Christmas, said, "And forgive us our Christmas-Cafes." There are many "celebrators" at this season of the year who would do well to utter just those words. To many Christmas has literally become Xmas, and simply an opportunity of self-indulgence and revelling. So this Christmas shall we not pause to consider Jesus, who has made all this possible. And when the day is done, and presents put away and the excitement passed, suppose we kneel down, alone, and on His birthday present our gift, our life to Him. How glad He, too, would be to receive that present!

CAPTAIN F. WATSON, The Salvation Army, Coleman. [Ed. Note: Regret that this article was received too late for our special Christmas Number of last week.]

Lieut.-Col. H. K. Groff, of Edmonton, president of the Permanent Military Medical Board of Education Garrison, Military District 13, has been appointed assistant director of medical services with the Canadian army in Newfoundland, with promotion to the rank of major. Dr. Groff was formerly connected with the Alberta Workmen's Compensation Board.

MRS. DUNCAN C. DRAIN PASSES

Mrs. Josephine Julia Drain, wife of Duncan C. Drain, passed away on Tuesday after a long illness. She was in her 57th year. Funeral took place from the family residence on State Street east to St. Anne's church on Thursday forenoon, where Requiem Mass was sung by Dean M. A. Harrington, and the remains were laid to rest in St. Anne's cemetery. Besides her husband, Mrs. Drain is survived by two sons and one daughter, residing in Blairmore, and a sister in the U.S.A.

G. C. TAGGART PASSES AT CADOMIN

A former resident of Bellevue and Blairmore, in the person of George Charles Taggart, passed away at his home in Cadomin on December 15th, aged 56. Mr. Taggart had been in poor health for some time. He was son of the late Sir James A. Taggart, one time lord mayor of Aberdeen, Scotland, and the late Lady Taggart. He moved to Cadomin district from the Crows' Nest Pass twenty-one years ago. Before coming to Canada he spent several years in the sugar industry in British Guiana, and later in California. Prior to the outbreak of the last Great War, he was a member of the West Canadian Collieries' office staff at Bellevue, and left that company to enlist with the 31st Battalion, with which he went overseas. He is survived by his widow in Cadomin; a sister, Mrs. R. J. Watson, in Edmonton, and three brothers and two sisters in the Old Land.

Alvin Vansacker, well known member of the East Kootenay Power Co.'s repair team, suffered the loss of an eye last week through a piece of metal from a sign at Fernie hitting him.

If you want to understand anyone with a terribly grave outlook on life, just size up the latest picture of Hitler and Mussolini, taken together. We've never had a finer description of grief.

ORPHEUM

- THEATRE - BLAIRMORE -

LAST TIME TONIGHT
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- with -

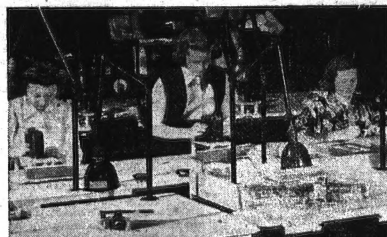
KENNY BAKER

FLORENCE RICE

It's a circus of laughs, songs, surprises, sensations! Never a dull moment with these merry, mad monarchs of mirth.

Also NEWS and "Wonders of Washington State"

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jess took place at Blairmore on Saturday forenoon, and remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery following service conducted at St. Anne's church by Rev. Dean M. A. Harrington. A large number of residents of Firgrove and Castle River districts were in attendance.



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CANADIANS—whose health record is high among the nations—obtain one-quarter of their food energy from bread.

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To the People of the Crows' Nest Pass we extend New Year Greetings and wish Everyone a Bright and Prosperous 1941

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A Happy and a
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Safeguarding An Investment

Decisions of considerable importance to the economic interests of the people of Western Canada, were made at the recent annual meeting of the On-to-the-Bay Association in Saskatoon when resolutions were passed asking for a Western Board of Management for the port of Churchill and for a joint through railway rate tariff on grain moving from all Western Canadian points to the Bay outlet.

In the light of the half-century history of the struggle of the people of Western Canada to secure the short route from the prairies to European markets and to maintain it in operation once it was established, the On-to-the-Bay Association is fully justified in taking whatever steps may be necessary to see that the investment of \$50,000,000 in the Hudson Bay route is fully protected, and that it is made to yield dividends for the people whom it was designed to benefit—the people of the prairie provinces.

That the Association means business is evident from the fact that it was decided to call a conference of all Western Canadian representatives in Parliament before the next session of the House to place before them the program outlined in these important resolutions.

The history of the campaign for the construction of the Hudson Bay route and its facilities, and of the efforts to make even limited use of the route once it was established, demonstrates the necessity for the further development of this avenue of trade being placed in the hands of a group who will have a single eye to the interests of the people who put up the money—for it must not be overlooked that \$43,000,000 of the \$47,000,000 which represents the actual costs of Churchill and the railway, was raised by the sale of Western lands specifically earmarked for that purpose.

Plenty Of Opposition

When the project was first announced it was immediately opposed by Eastern interests to such good purpose that 40 years were consumed before construction was completed and the port and railway facilities were ready to handle the produce of Western grain fields and such inbound cargoes as might be available. In the meantime, valuable years were lost and \$6,000,000 wasted in the attempt to make Port Nelson the terminal of the system, an effort which, had it been successful, would have wrecked the entire project.

Since the completion of construction, years of drought and depression combined, according to G. A. Hurst, with continued opposition on the part of other interests, have conspired to prevent good use being made of a utility which, otherwise, should already have yielded substantial returns to the Western farmers equivalent, according to a number of authorities, to anywhere from six to eight or nine cents per bushel of wheat.

That some of the prairie legislatures have recognized the great potential value of the Hudson Bay route to Western agriculture and Western business is evidenced by the fact that as recently as 1940, the Saskatchewan and Manitoba legislatures pledged their support to the development of this northern route with the endorsement of all political parties, and it can only be assumed that the Alberta legislature has not to date also pledged its support to this cause because of pressure of other matters upon its attention to the exclusion of this important question.

It is a matter of congratulation that the On-to-the-Bay Association has pursued the wise course of keeping the Bay route out of politics and that all political parties in the west have stood behind the project and its development to its maximum potentialities. It is to be hoped that the Association will continue to be able to prevent this highly important venture from becoming a political football. It is too valuable to the entire populace of the west to be sacrificed on the altar of partisanship.

Up To The People

In view of the strength of the opposition, first to the construction and establishment of the Bay route, and later to its effective operation, it is essential that the people of Western Canada keep a watchful eye on this project so that, whether by good use of it in made during the war, the termination of hostilities will find the utility unimpaired and capable of immediate operation. It would be disastrous if, for instance, after the war is over, efforts could be made to induce the people of the west to abandon this asset, on the ground that, because of desuetude, the roadbed had disintegrated and facilities decayed, and that rehabilitation would not be worth the price.

If a Western Management Board with farmer representation, as suggested by the On-to-the-Bay Association, were appointed now, such a disaster as that suggested here could not very well happen without the people of Western Canada getting some knowledge of what was occurring, and moreover, the Board would be able to see that the investment is maintained intact against the day when the signals are set for full speed ahead.

The Board, too, would be able to fulfill a very useful function in the interim. Its main objective, of course, would be to promote traffic for the route on both sides of the Atlantic. This will involve the preparation of many plans, the development of contacts and a great deal of other spade work. Even if, for any reason, valid or otherwise, the route cannot be used for commercial purposes while the war is in progress, if this preliminary work were undertaken in the meantime, the day will be hastened when full use can be made of the opportunities that lie ahead.

Most important of all, it is up to the people of Western Canada who have invested in this utility, to determine whether it is to serve the purpose for which it was intended. Individually and through their various organizations they must watch over it and further its development on all occasions and at every opportunity.

Want Their Siren

English Villagers Revolt When County Police Ordered It Silenced

The London Daily Mail says: Villagers of Box, England, are in revolt because the county police silenced an air raid siren. Robert Dyer, 63-year-old clerk to the parish council, who was paid 80 cents a week expenses for sounding the siren, asked for 20 cents more. The county police ordered the siren removed, and now 2,700 people of Box want to know why. Dyer refused to allow an electrician to take the siren from his garden. The villagers declare that they are entitled to an increase to meet lighting, heating, cleaning and telephone expenses. They think it is too much to expect one man to be on duty 24 hours a day for the duration of the war. The people have appealed to the Minister of Home Security to keep the siren operating.

Two Centuries Ago

Diary Entry In The Year 1678 Speaks About Bombs

In the "Diary" of John Evelyn, who was born 324 years ago, there is what is probably the first allusion ever made to bombs. An entry under the year 1678 reads as follows: "I saw a trial of those devilish, murdering, mischief-doing engines, called Bombs, shot out of iron mortar-pieces on Blackheath. Little did he realize that a descendant of those devilish engines would crash through the roof of his friend Christopher Wren's masterpiece—Manchester Guardian.

Modest Youth

Canadian Soldier In England Refuses To Brag About Exploit

Twenty-year-old Pte. Jack Droye, of Vancouver, is a modest lad who has turned out to be somewhat of a hero in the 2nd Canadian division.

A few weeks ago he went to London on leave. There was plenty of bombing and he returned to camp without any unusual yarns.

Then a letter came to a senior officer of the division from the Red Cross, informing him of valuable service Droye gave when he helped rescue survivors from a building shattered by Nazi air attacks.

The youth didn't tell anyone about the exploit—not even Lieutenant William Ferguson of Winnipeg, whose batman he is. And he doesn't want to talk about it much yet.

"Aw, let's not make a fuss about it; that sort of things goes on in London every night," he said.

It has been discovered that certain chemical agents which make water "wetter," and are contained in some new form of soap, also kill numerous kinds of deadly germs. The agents make water so "wet" that it penetrates through the feathers of birds, even waterfowl.

"Five dollars if you can tell me which is the Bluegrass State," said a radio quiz master. But he failed to hint that the water was "wet" because it penetrates through the feathers of birds, even waterfowl.

Birds' ancestors were reptiles, and feathers have evolved from scales.

Walking Sticks

The Cane Industry Still Flourishes In Britain

Over a remote fifteen-mile stretch of the Surrey-Exeter border there are now cutting the "small wood" for the world's best walking sticks.

Shrewd country eyes have measured up a copse of ash or hazel, chestnut, blackthorn, oak or furze. Before they begin their cutting they could tell almost exactly what a copse would hold for them in walking sticks or shepherd's crooks, umbrellas handles, Scout poles or hikers' "lumb sticks," anything up to five feet in length.

They make all of these, some for the United States, some for the dominions. The walking sticks come first. It is an English habit, especially in American eyes, to carry a walking stick, and walking stick suppliers in the United States still stipulate for "Downland ash" when they want the finest. It comes from a farm where the work of the original craftsman is being carried on to-day by his three surviving sons, two sons-in-law, and two grandsons.

The natural cross-head ash from these Downs is as good walking stick material as can be found anywhere. Straightfoot ash is good, too, and the polished rods become attractive handles to a straight stick.

The wood for shepherd's crooks is put into fire hot sand over a slow furnace and brought to the pliability of rubber. If in turning it in the vice, the outer bark comes off, the stick is put aside; a barked stick is the most valuable.

The craftsmen who do the job well were all born in one of these hamlets on the Downs. It is a traditional English industry quietly flourishing in the midst of war.

Look For Metals

To Make This Continent Independent Of Foreign Sources Of War Material

The newest effort to make countries of the western hemisphere independent of foreign sources of war materials was announced by Harold Hicks, United States secretary of the interior.

In a press conference statement he said that six scientists of the United States geological survey are en route to Bolivia, Cuba and Brazil to explore areas where they may find tungsten, manganese, chrome and antimony, as well as other metals essential in the western hemisphere defense program.

All of these are listed as either "necessary" or "critical" materials in the production of steel and lightweight alloys for aircraft construction, and most of them have in the past been imported from far eastern and European countries. These supplies have either been curtailed or cut off entirely by the present war.

Was Prize Attraction

Brahma, German Circus Elephant, Lived More Than 100 Years

Brahma, the only elephant in the world to have owned a private railway car, died at Munich, Germany, at the age of one hundred and some years.

He was one of the prize attractions of the German Circus Krone and one of the biggest elephants ever to have been in captivity. In size he surpassed even P. T. Barnum's mammoth pachyderm, the legendary Jumbo.

His owner, Carl Krone, had built for him a special railway car in which Brahma travelled four times around the globe. Described in his youth as malicious, Brahma developed into Krone's pride and joy and was for many years the leading elephant of the largest elephant show ever known.

Taxes In Australia

Habitual moaners who spend a lot of time bewailing the ruinous character of Australian taxes, please take a look at Australia. There income is five per cent. on taxable incomes of \$1,000; 25 per cent. on \$5,000; and 50 per cent. on incomes above \$5,325.

We are passing through a time that history will probably never see again. Be certain that you are playing your part to the limit of your ability.

Borely—Tell me how I can make a great hit at the banquet to-night. Peedeku—When they call on you for a speech just refuse.

Tent-pegs made from beechwood grown in the Chiltern Hills of England lead to all parts of the world, for army use.

Before wire nails were produced early in the 19th century, nails were made from flat sheets of iron and steel.



Slanders Hurt War Effort

Lies About Canadian Red Cross Society Are Exposed

Few organizations in Canada have been more severely criticized by whisperers than the Canadian Red Cross Society. No sooner is one lie exposed than a second is invented and given wings. The latest fiction about this patriotic organization is that the chairman and the secretary are drawing fabulous salaries. The sole purpose of these untruths is to hamper the Red Cross in its humanitarian work.

It has been whispered around that Dr. Routley receives a salary of \$17,000 or more per annum. The Globe and Mail has reason to know that this is utterly false; the fact is that the combined salaries of the national commissioner (Dr. Routley), the assistant national commissioner and their secretaries (both highly trained young women) total only \$13,600. Moreover, Dr. Routley gave up a private practice which yielded him more than double his present salary to take on the Red Cross work.

Neither the chairman nor any other person on the national executive receives any remuneration. The same applies to the patriotic and distinguished men and women who are devoting time and talents to the direction of this great organization. It has been said in criticism that Red Cross funds are not audited. The truth is that the Red Cross is the most thoroughly audited society in the Dominion.

Falselyhoods about the Red Cross are invented by malicious enemies to shut the gates of mercy and impede the war effort.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

May Train Mechanics

Would Provide Instruction For Canadian Active Forces

Canada-wide facilities of the youth training programme may be used to provide instruction in certain trades for selected men from the Canadian active army, it was learned authoritatively at the Labor Department.

Consideration is being given the proposal, but no decision has been announced. It is understood close to 5,000 men would be involved.

The youth training branch has already co-operated with the defence department in providing courses for some 600 men who attended classes as part of their military training.

For the past 18 months, the branch has been training men to prepare them as air force ground mechanics and for war industries. Schools in science and facilities of all technical schools were used during the past summer season.

Milk kept in a roomy, shallow basin will keep sweet longer than if put in a jug.

In the Hawaiian islands, white violets grow on stalks four feet high.

Turkish Air Force

Is Modelled On Same Lines As The R.A.F.

With the exception of Soviet Russia, Turkey's Air Force is stronger than any of her neighbors, possessing a front-line strength of between 300 and 400 aircraft, including some of the most modern fighters and bombers, and, what is more important still, great potential reserves of pilots and flying and ground crews.

The Turkish Air Force is modelled on much the same lines as the R.A.F., which is not very surprising, since most of the flying instructors are British. Their officers and mechanics wear an almost identical uniform, and many of their best machines are British. The others are either American, French, Polish, or German.

The force is famed for the exceptional flying ability of its pilots—especially fighters. They have a daring and speed of action which is comparable with that of our own men.

Any aggressors will find them well equipped, well armed, and equally well versed in all the wiles of air strategy.

Turkey's Air Force is controlled and operated by the General Staff at Ankara. In order that it may play its maximum part in any land activities, a bureau of 12 senior officers, under the command of a colonel, is included on the General Staff.

In the last three years the Turks have made up for previous neglect.—Reynolds News, London.

SELECTED RECIPES

CRUMMA PIE

1/2 cup granulated sugar.
3/4 tablespoons Durham corn starch
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cups hot milk.
2 egg yolks
1 teaspoon pure vanilla
1 tablespoon butter
Baked pie shell

Meringue of 2 egg whites and 1/4 cup sugar

Combine 1/2 cup granulated sugar thoroughly with corn starch and salt. Stir in hot milk. Stir and cook in double boiler until mixture has thickened smoothly. Cover and cook, with occasional stirring, until no raw flavor remains. Stir into slightly-beaten egg yolks, return to double boiler and stir until eggs have thickened. Remove from heat and add vanilla and butter. Cool partially, then turn into baked pie shell. Cover with meringue of egg whites, few grains salt and 1/4 cup the granulated sugar. Brown delicately in a slow oven, 300 degrees F.

Cocoanut Cream Pie: Add two-thirds cup shredded cocoanut to filling, with vanilla; sprinkle meringue with cocoanut before browning.

JELL-O PLUM PUDDING

1 package lemon or cherry Jell-O
Dash of salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1 pint hot raisins
1/2 cup finely cut cooked prunes
1/2 cup finely cut citron
1/2 cup finely cut nut meats
1/2 cup Grape-Nuts
Combine Jell-O, salt, and spices; add hot water and stir until Jell-O is dissolved. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in combined fruits, nuts, and grape-nuts. Turn into mold. Serve with fruit sauce or with whipped cream flavored with nutmeg. Serves 10.

Note: One-fourth cup brandy may be added with fruits, if desired.

WELCOME relief from stuffy misery of HEAD COLD

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Are swollen membranes causing a stuffy head? Then relieve the misery for you with Vicks Vapo-Rol.

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BRITISH NAVY AND AIR FORCE IN DRIVE IN THE EAST

London.—The admiralty, in a lengthy communique on naval operations in the Mediterranean, disclosed in detail how the fleet, striking with its air arm and working with the Royal Air Force and the land forces, helped drive the Italians from Egypt into Libya in one of the most co-ordinated offensives in military history.

Observers have already pointed out that this desert "blitzkrieg" was closer to "total blitzkrieg" than anything the Nazis had tried, because of the navy's important role. No naval operations were involved in the Nazi drive into France last summer.

Beginning with the congratulatory message sent by the first lord of the admiralty and the first sea lord to the Mediterranean fleet, the communique set forth day by day and step by step, in the form of the duties carried out by the navy as an indispensable part of the land, sea and air drive against the Italians.

Behind the official phrasing of the communique was the story of fleet bombardment of coastal objectives and bases under attack by the land forces; of sallies by torpedo-carrying planes against enemy shipping, and of methodical harassing of the enemy's retreat.

At one stage the communique disclosed that naval co-operation was brought to a standstill during one day, partly because of the "excessive rapid advance of our troops." This, said the communique, "had led to some degree of uncertainty as to the military situation."

The message of congratulations said: "The great work accomplished by your command, including the fleet air arm, in co-operating with the army and the Royal Air Force in the heavy defeat inflicted on the enemy in Egypt is very much appreciated. Please convey our congratulations to all concerned. Good luck to you in the rest of the operations."

After detailing the operations to date the communique ended with: "Naval operations in support of the army are continuing."

Operations of the Egyptian and Libyan coast began from a naval point of view on Dec. 3, a Sunday, the day before it was disclosed that a British thrust had begun. During that night the Italian base camp at Maktila was bombarded by both heavy and light units of the Mediterranean fleet.

Other units at the same time, successfully bombarded Sidi Barrani, first principal objective of the land drive and farthest point of the Italian advance into Egypt.

The following night Maktila and Sidi Barrani were shelled again. By the following day the great Italian retreat had begun.

That retreat took place along the coast where the Italians had built their highway. For the Italians to retreat farther inland along the burning desert meant certain death through thirst and starvation and the possibility of becoming lost in the sandy wastes.

Within range of the navy's guns, the retreating Italians were harassed by the fleet, the enemy's columns being bombarded through the night of Dec. 10-11, in the vicinity of Salami, the last position held by the Italians in Egypt. Salami was bombarded by both heavy and light units during Dec. 11 and the bombardment continued by light forces during the night of Dec. 11-12.

This bombardment was described as particularly effective during "the important period from 1 a.m. on Dec. 11 to 1 a.m. on Dec. 12. During this period both heavy and light units were firing practically continuously. The communique added that shore batteries fired at all the ships but no hits were sustained.

By the following day the land forces had advanced so rapidly that the navy had to pause for breath to co-ordinate its action again with the unusually rapid advance.

Bardia was bombarded successfully during Dec. 13-14 by a heavy unit of the Mediterranean fleet. Italian motor speed boats attempted to attack the unit but they were driven off.

On Dec. 14 the Italian submarine Naiade was sunk, when it "attempted to interfere with our operations." Swordfish aircraft struck again at Bardia Dec. 15 in conjunction with a heavy sea bombardment.

"Throughout the whole operation," the communique said, "aircraft of the fleet air arm co-operated with great success both with the Royal Air Force and with our bombarding forces."

Wheat For Spain

Will Attempt To Get Shipments From Argentina

Madrid.—A plan to mobilize all available Spanish ocean-going ships and rush them to Argentina for wheat and corn was disclosed as an urgent step in the government's effort to cope with the food shortage.

Steamship owners met at the navy ministry and offered all the ships at their disposal. It is hoped here the badly needed supplies will begin arriving before the end of January. Apart from the question of credits, British permission for ships to bring new supplies to Spain will be necessary for the success of the negotiations.

Scarcity of wheat in Spain is so acute a new stringent bread rationing is about to go into effect under which those who can afford other kinds of food will have their present small bread rations cut so that more can be given to others.

The shortage is ascribed officially to this combination of causes. The country's reserves were used up in the civil war and planting was radically reduced during those years; unfavorable weather has made crops extremely poor; the present war has cut Spain off almost entirely from importation.

Home For Christmas

Alaskan Trapper Adopts Method Of Flaggling Passing Aeroplane

Anchorage, Alaska.—After spending the last eight months in the Alaskan wilderness, Prospector Fred Hume couldn't bear the thought of being alone at Christmas aside so he successfully cried "wolf" to a passing airplane.

Hume ran out of his isolated cabin and set fire to a spruce tree beacon near the letters "HELP" ahead and to the snow with branches. The plane circled the spot, but could not land because it was not equipped with the necessary skills.

Pilots arranged for a physician to accompany one of them on what they assumed would be another "mercy flight."

Bad weather held up the flight until last Wednesday. Pilot Roy Dickson set out with Dr. S. S. Walkowski in a pontoon-equipped plane and alighted on a lake near the cabin. Hume met them, in good health, but all packed to leave. He said he was tired of the wilderness and wanted to go home to Valdez for Christmas.

He said he had tried for 20 days to attract a plane's attention with letters sketched in the snow, but they went unnoticed until he hit upon the idea of burning a tree.

Should Be Controlled

Suggestion Made That Government Supervise Any Imports Of Butter

Ottawa.—With the possibility ahead that Canada may need to import butter to bolster disappearing stocks, a spokesman of the wartime prices and trade board told The Canadian Press it was felt any such importations should be under government supervision.

Many suggestions have been made to the board that in case of a butter shortage the ban on importation of oleomargarine, now in force, should be lifted but Hector McKinnon, chairman, said such a proposal had never been considered and the board believed Canada's needs should be met, if necessary, by importation of butter rather than oleomargarine.

On May 1 last year Canada's butter reserves were 10,000,000 pounds and, accordingly if during the five months from Dec. 1 to May 1 increased consumption continues, the present reserves would be wiped out before May 1, even if production was stepped up to the rate of last year.

Burden Becomes Heavier

Vichy.—The official journal disclosed that the Bank of France had increased from 65,000,000,000 to 75,000,000,000 francs a provisional non-interest loan to the French government to pay the cost of German troops garrisoned in occupied territory.

Record For One Family

New York.—Wallace S. Jacobs and 23 members of his family descended on Lenox Hill hospital to give blood for Britain. Although only 17 of the group were accepted as donors, the occasion was thought by the Red Cross to be one of the largest family mass donations on record.

Christmas Truce

Bombay.—Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader, proclaimed a Christmas truce from Dec. 23 to Jan. 4 in the Congress party's campaign against Indian participation in the war.

Ethiopian Revolt

Natives In Abyssinia Take Opportunity To Oust Italians

London.—Revolt in Ethiopia against the Italian forces of occupation "appears to be making progress," Richard Butler, under-secretary for foreign affairs, informed the House of Commons.

"Information as to conditions in Abyssinia (Ethiopia) is naturally difficult to obtain," Mr. Butler said, "but the movement of revolt against the Italians appears to be making progress."

"It is the policy of His Majesty's government to extend to Emperor Haile Selassie, as well as to all elements within Abyssinia willing to bear arms against the enemy, all possible assistance in their fight for freedom."

GUARD AGAINST ANY THREAT OF NAZI INVASION

London.—Newly warned against the danger of invasion, Great Britain has 1,000,000 home guards and untold thousands of coast defence and mobile troops at the alert in her constant vigil for the approach of Hitler's threatened attack.

At the same time, the government made it clear that the empire cannot wait the war until its army has "struck and struck deep—into the axis countries."

A ministry of information spokesman said the blockade would weaken Germany and Italy, and the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force would shake the confidence of Hitler and his partner, Mussolini.

"But the weapon which ultimately will enforce submission of the enemy is the army," the spokesman said, adding that Britain now has about 8,000,000 men under arms.

Truckload after truckload of military supplies speed along coastal highways of this island kingdom, in preparation for Hitler's long-awaited "Der Tag."

The war office has issued new restrictions against wearing of uniforms by unauthorized persons, presumably to guard against fifth column operations; and the admiralty called for volunteers for the marine corps.

Noting Lord Beaverbrook's warning that "the enemy is making preparations for the invasion of Britain even before springtime comes," observers said the new threat is particularly grave because the German might attempt either a mass invasion or isolated raids to relieve pressure on the Italians in Albania and Africa.

The moon and tides will favor either an invasion attempt or raids during the Christmas and New Year holidays, and the navy and air force would have the benefit of channel fogs and 16-hour-long nights.

"Naturally we're on the alert,"

PRISCILLA LANE—CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



Christmas will be celebrated twice by Priscilla Lane, who is shown above, decorating the Yule tree for the first occasion in a scene from the picture "Four Mothers," in which Priscilla, as the youngest Lemp, is the first down to the tree on Christmas morning.

HAS TOUGH TIME



General Ugo Cavallero, chief of the Fascist General Staff since Marshal Badoglio resigned, finds he has inherited a bed of thorns rather than roses. With Italian troops retreating before the British onslaught in northern Egypt and Libya, and with the Greeks making the Italians run in Albania, General Cavallero has a few worries on his shoulders.

British spokesman said: "It would be just like Hitler to try to spoil our Christmas or at least try to make us nervous by moving men and boats on his side of the channel."

The war office issued a statement asserting "there is no closed season for invasion."

Danish Vessels

U.S. Government May Take Over 37 Ships in American Ports

Washington.—The United States is considering taking over 37 Danish vessels which have been tied up in American ports since the German occupation of Denmark. It was stated that in all likelihood the ships, when taken over would be made available for Britain.

The proposal has been discussed in the last fortnight, by officials of the maritime commission, treasury and U.S. navy. It was said that no definite decision has yet been reached. The question of legal authority to seize the ships and pay for them is the stumbling block. One legal expert said it might be necessary to ask the American congress for special legislation in order that the move could be carried out.

Danish shipowners recently have been negotiating with American operators in New York for the disposing of the vessels.

Gift For Coventry

Wilmington, Del.—The American Viscose Corporation announced its 17,000 employees sent \$11,866 as a Christmas gift to its plant in Coventry, England, to aid victims of the bomb-stricken city.

Leave Versailles

Paris. (Delayed) via Berlin.—German troops have moved out of Versailles, east of the kings of France, apparently in anticipation of the arrival of Chief of State Petain.

Would Buy Plane Motors

Canada Negotiating For Bistly Which Are Stored In Mexico

Mexico City.—The Canadian government is negotiating for the purchase of 60 Wasp 1,100-horsepower airplane motors stored the last two years in a workshop of the Mexican air force.

Negotiations are understood to be in progress with Indalecio Prieto, representing the interests here of the defunct Spanish Republican government. The motors originally were sent from the United States en route to Spain, but before the trans-shipment was effected the Spanish civil war came to an end.

A BIG PROGRAM TO MAKE NAVAL GUNS IN CANADA

Ottawa.—Announcement of a big program of naval gun manufacture in Canada, in which one and possibly two plants will be located in western Canada, came from W. F. Drysdale, director-general of munitions production for Canada, at his first press conference.

While details of location of the plants are subject to military censorship, it was indicated that naval guns will be made in Manitoba, Alberta and Nova Scotia.

Revealing other western orders recently awarded, the statement disclosed indicated that an order for army trailers has been let in Saskatchewan, and an order for more than 100 special-purpose lathes was being handled by about 50 machine shops in British Columbia under an intensive program to secure machine tools for war industries.

"We are trying to do what we can for the west," said Mr. Drysdale. Costs had to be remembered, as Canada was spending not only its own but also Britain's money in munitions production. "I can say we are doing our level best to get the work out there," he said. His branch of the department of munitions and supply possessed a "survey of more than 5,000 Canadian plants. 'If we have an order to place,' he explained, 'we can see where we can get it filled.'"

British munitions experts engaged in Canada's war production, it was disclosed, have been amazed at the industrial results obtained in Canada.

The press learned:

1.—Existing plans for munitions production in Canada have pretty well taken up 100 per cent. of known capacity.

2.—Actual production deliveries will be at a peak by next fall, with shell output and production of some lines reaching a peak several months before that.

3.—Heavily an engineering shop is left in Canada that is not engaged in part at least on war work.

4.—Some women are engaged in munitions work now, mostly as inspectors, but the time is foreseen when 50 per cent. of munitions staffs will be women.

5.—Canadian munitions plants use the "learner" system to train workers, having one or two trainees watching each machine, learning how to run it. Heads of the munitions program are "not worried" about labor shortage.

6.—No figures were given on the new naval gun plans, but Britain is putting up most of the money. Last previous figure for the whole munitions department gave \$280,000,000 as the capital outlay authorized.

7.—Tanks will be turned out early next year, and production plans call for "various" types. Some of them are high speed types. Canada is making everything but engines, including armor plate never before manufactured here. Tank parts are still being imported to speed up the program.

8.—Further curtailment of luxury and non-essential manufactures will be needed to release steel supplies for munitions.

9.—Delivery of bombs is only a matter of weeks away, and Canada will make everything in the bomb line from 100 to 1,100 pound.

"We are finding we can make anything here," said one munitions official at the conference.

The effect of the present munitions program is to make Canada an important armament-making country. "In six months," Mr. Drysdale predicted, "you are going to see a very busy Canada."

TO NOW PREPARE FOR ATTACK AND NOT FOR DEFENCE

London.—A hubbub of predictions on both sides of the Atlantic that the Nazis will launch a gigantic attack on Great Britain within months, Prime Minister Churchill sounded a significant note to parliament.

He made it abundantly clear that Britain is being geared for an offensive of her own in 1941; not merely for defence. He radiated supreme confidence in Britain's ability to withstand any blow Germany may strike by land, sea or air, and to hit back effectively.

A still "half armed" Britain would become a "well armed nation" in 1941 with United States help, he said, adding:

"That will open possibilities (of offensive warfare) which have not been open to us up to the present." Mr. Churchill confirmed the impression that Britons expect an early offensive against Britain because they figure Hitler's need is desperate. The disasters suffered by his Italian axis mate in Albania and Egypt and the squeeze of the British blockade are forcing him to a final supreme effort. Indications that the United States policy of total aid for Britain short of war will become effective in 1941 is another factor bearing heavily on Berlin, according to the British view.

The prime minister warned that "the mortal dangers" of invasion or a "prolonged deadlock" are not passed. For the main theme of his address to parliament, keyed to ever-growing British victory over Italy in Egypt and Libya, was preparation for attack, not defence.

Mr. Churchill recalled having said to parliament recently Britain's war effort was geared for a struggle that might last into 1943 or 1944. He corrected that to deny that he expects the war to last that long, adding that he meant merely the effort must be great enough to meet any eventuality.

The address also confirmed anew the impression that the British offensive in Egypt and Libya was planned months ago, as far back as July. Although Britain was then in far greater danger of a Nazi blitzkrieg invasion than she is now, she began to ship troops, tanks and guns eastward, he said.

That means that the British eastern victories were not a by-product of Italian defeat by Greece; but planned from the very outset of the battle of Britain six months ago. Mr. Churchill's expectation obviously is that if Hitler strikes full force at Britain within two months, he will meet a crushing repulse.

That is the "100 per cent. opportunity" Mr. Churchill foresees. It would open the way, in his judgment, for a British counter-attack in any of several war theatres—an attack which might end the war quickly.

Damage To Wheat

Millions Of Bushels Said To Be In Danger Of Mite Infestation

Winnipeg.—Manitoba agronomists in conference here were told that millions of bushels of wheat stored on western farms were in serious danger of extensive damage from mite infestation.

The warning came in a paper prepared by H. E. Gray of Ottawa, in charge of the insect investigation, and read by Dean A. V. Mitchener, University of Manitoba entomology department.

Moving or turning the wheat, a good control method that kills the mites when the kernels rub together, was advised by Mr. Gray.

Reports have already been received of mite infestation in wheat on Saskatchewan farms, but so far none has been reported in Manitoba or Alberta.

The mite, it was explained, is almost invisible to the human eye. Cold winter weather retards its activity, but warmer spring weather may start it again.

Mites create "moisture pasture" in stored wheat, and when moisture content rises above a certain level the wheat "heats," causing damage that may amount to complete destruction.

Pledges Compensation

London.—Britain pledged compensation for all her adult citizens killed or injured "as a result of enemy action." Sir Kingsley Wood, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the House of Commons that the plan would apply to injuries already incurred and that increased rates would be payable from Dec. 24 on.

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HITLER BELIEVES THERE'S ANOTHER GOD SOMEWHERE

Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, made this prayer on Christmas Eve:

"Almighty God: You gave us the fuhrer. You blessed his battle with a vast victory. You gave him power to create and defend a new, great and free Germany. Now give us power to help him to the limit of our abilities by fighting and working for an everlasting and beautiful Germany, and grant that we be worthy of your blessings."

We sometimes wonder why there are so many laborers in the country now idle. However, this is just an aftermath of conditions which prevailed during the early stages of development of this great northwest. Thirty and forty years ago the securing of sufficient labor to carry on the different undertakings was a real problem, and Canada was clamoring for new settlers, which is why the Doukhobors were welcomed to our shores. As an instance of the acute labor shortage, Foley, Welch & Stewart, after being awarded a big railway construction contract on the Grand Trunk Pacific, were in the market for five thousand men and even went to the Old Country to get them. Then there was the time when D. C. Corbin was building the Spokane International from Spokane to Eastport on the boundary line. Work was held back all one summer on account of the labor shortage, due to the men being away working in the harvest fields. Lumber companies were always short of men for their sawmills and logging camps. Of course, this was a time when railroads were built with pick and shovel and horse-drawn scrapers, and railroad ties were hewn by hand, and a steamshovel was a steamshovel, not driven by a gasoline or Diesel engine. Supplies and equipment were moved by wagons or sleighs drawn by horses, for the high-powered trucks and tractors had not yet entered the picture. Now all the railroads are built, lumbering has reached a low ebb and new projects are not bobbing up very rapidly. With these things considered, the labor surplus at the present time can easily be accounted for.—F.J.S. in Cranbrook Courier.

Oh, Those Mounties!

A young Royal Canadian Mounted police constable was about to take a plane to Division H.Q. to report off leave. While baggage was being weighed and the ship warmed up, a pretty young thing dashed up in a great hurry. She begged for a berth, but the airway official said all berths were taken. The youthful constable, anxious to aid a damsel in distress, gallantly offered his seat to her. Then he wired his officer commanding: "Unable to report on time stop have given berth to a young lady on aeroplane." Back came a reply: "Received your amazing wire stop your next confinement will be to barracks." — Royal Canadian Mounted Police Quarterly, Ottawa.

A warning was issued by the Alberta Motor Association on Friday last to drivers contemplating a trip over the Crown's Nest Pass highway that the stretch of road from Crow's Nest Lake to sixteen miles west of Fernie was extremely icy and to drive with extreme caution.

NEWS FROM EDMONTON

(T. B. Windsor)

Edmonton, Dec. 23.—Political activity has subsided down in Alberta for the present holiday period, and there is little to report in the way of new developments anywhere in the province. Premier William Aberhart has gone for his annual rest period with members of his family at Vancouver and a sleepy lull has settled down on Parliament Hill, Edmonton.

What activity there is is centred around Christmas and New Year's festivities. Despite war clouds and war expenditures, everybody is bent on being as festive as possible—keeping the traditional spirit of the season high. Most people are glad to get a surcease from aggravating intrigues and tricks of political character for a few days.

Perhaps the only place where the hatchet is not buried temporarily in Camrose, where expectation of the announcement of a by-election date keeps opposing party and group leaders awake. The situation is still obscure as regards whether the contest, when it comes, will be a straight fight between C.C.F. and Social Credit parties, or a three-cornered battle with the Independents taking a hand in the fray.

No action was taken by the recent independents' convention that could be interpreted in any way as interference with the Camrose local group of citizens favoring the Independent cause. It was stressed that local autonomy was the outstanding feature of the movement as far as the selection of candidates was concerned. It is certain, however, that if the Camrose people decide to put an independent candidate in the field they will receive all the assistance for the campaign meetings that can be given consistently by Independents from other places.

Premier Aberhart again demonstrated his flare for one-sidedness, and his desire for control of everybody and everything, by advocating Social Credit claims that an acclamation should be given his candidate, on the ground that the Camrose seat was won in the last election by Social Credit. Public comment on this argument is interesting. The premier wants his own way again.

The reply of the C.C.F. party to the premier's claims was given by Mr. Elmer E. Roper when he pointed out that the large number of C.C.F. electors in Alberta have no representation in the legislature and they should have a right, if anybody should, to an acclamation in Camrose for Mr. Roper, so that they might at least be heard in the house on matters that affect them. The surrender of the Camrose seat to the C.C.F. by the Social Credit party would not affect their control of the house, but does anybody expect for a moment that Premier Aberhart will give it up? He has never been known to take a generous, unselfish step since he entered politics and he is unlikely to take one at Camrose.

The democratic character of the Independent movement in Alberta was clearly demonstrated when the delegates and M.L.A.'s of that group held their annual convention in Edmonton, December 14th. There was none of the secrecy of a Star Chamber gathering about the convention. Its doors were open to the public who went and left freely at each session. There was no dictatorial handing out of prepared statements to the press of what must be told the people about the doings. The press was welcomed to the meeting, and provision made for them. The newsmen heard everything, wrote what they liked about everything and a democratic procedure operated throughout the whole convention. In contrast to this the Social Credit convention, held in Edmonton recently, sat behind closed doors at the demand of the party leaders. Only such crumbs of information as were considered harmless were handed out to the newspapers by a press committee. The people were not taken into confidence—the Social Credit dictators controlled the whole convention. This is not democracy. Premier Aberhart is bray-



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NEW KIND OF BURGLARY

A new kind of wartime burglary was that reported by a Winnipeg soldier's wife. Returning to her home after a day's absence, a neighbor informed her about two boys being seen leaving her woodshed, after screwing the door hinges back into place. "Investigating, the woman found that a load of wood had been split and neatly piled. The "burglars" were two Boy Scouts who had taken on the job of looking after the soldier's home during his absence.

"A large part of the treasury branch volume has been the result of intimidation and force . . . the very thing we are fighting against in Europe. So why send help to Britain while we tolerate this very thing at home?"—Clareholm Local Press.

Edward Henry Joyce, 73, pioneer farmer of the Cyr district, seven miles south of Pincher, died in a Pincher Creek hospital on Wednesday, December 11th, following several months of illness. He is survived by his widow, two sons, Charles, of the Cyr district, and Orland, of Edmonton; two daughters, Mrs. Carl Carlson, of Twin Butte, and Miss Norma, of the Pincher Creek Royal Bank staff. He is also survived by three brothers and five sisters, all residing in Saskatchewan and Ontario. The remains were laid to rest in Fairview cemetery at Pincher Creek on December 14th.



HARRY PRYCE

Here is Harry Pryce, director of that mad Stag Party's orchestra on Thursday nights at 9.30 M.S.T., and of the "pit" orchestra of horse-and-bugby times heard on Saturday's Musical Mirror programme at 10.30.

ing at the moon when he talks of his system being democratic. It is just plain undiluted dictatorship, such as has led the world into the present chaos and war and blood. Democracy is "government of the people, by the people, for the people." Social Credit is the opposite of that. It is government of the people by William Aberhart for William Aberhart.

There was to be a christening party in the home of a Lundbeck district farmer.

"Excuse me," said the minister, taking his hat aside before the ceremony, "but are you prepared for the solemn event?"

"Oh, yes, indeed," said the farmer. "I've got two hams, pickles, cakes."

"No, not I mean spiritually prepared."

"Well, I think so; two gallons of whiskey, a case of gin, and three casks of beer."

Officers of Coleman Elk lodge for the coming term will be: Robert ("Brick") Bell, exalted ruler; John Smith, leading knight; Nick Nicholas, loyal knight; Fred Enge, lecturing knight; George Brown, secretary (re-elected); George Evans, treasurer; Walter Williams, inner guard; Joe Spierak, Tyler; W. Duff, F. Harrington and W. E. Reid, trustees.

Since reading a Mail editorial on the question of saluting The Flag, in which was quoted parts of the report from the Attorney-General's Department at Edmonton, one of our readers asks: Since when has that department been an authority on military procedure and where did they gain experience—in the British army, or was it some other army? The part referred to was where a department claimed that in certain military ceremonies, only the senior officer in attendance salutes The Flag.—Drum-beller Mail.

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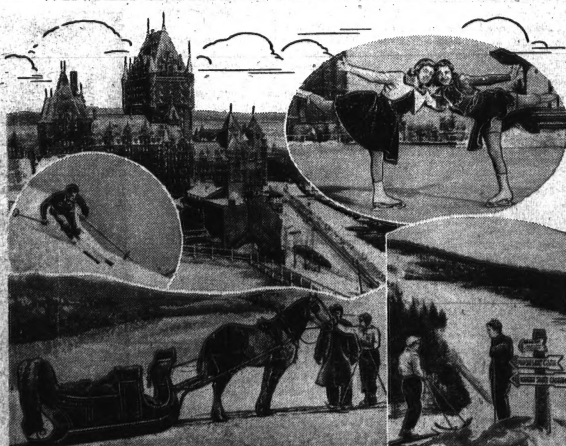
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WINTER SPORTS IN OLD-WORLD SETTING



Old Quebec City, whose four centuries of history have made it a favorite stopping place for summer tourists, has achieved equal prestige with the winter visitor in less than half a decade! The secret of this short cut to popularity lies in the sweeping growth of the ski habit, Quebec's glorious winter climate, its facilities for winter sports, and the snow-clad hills of Lac Beauport, 10 miles distant.

This year, with increased numbers of Canadians and Americans pointing their ski tips toward Quebec and Lac Beauport, the highlights of the Chateau Frontenac's gay winter sports season promise to shine more brightly than ever. Headquarters for the famous Ski Hawk School and its equally famous instructor, Fritz Local, the popular Canadian Pacific hotelery will feature a gay programme of skating, hockey, curling, tobogganing, ski-joring, sleigh-driving, and ski-ing on the historic Plains of Abraham. The annual Dog Derby is scheduled for the third week in February.

Connected by regular bus service from the Chateau Frontenac, Lac Beauport is a model ski development. It possesses a handsome new chalet, thrilling downhill runs, slalom courses and jumps of professional calibre. Monte Saint Castin, with twin slalom runs 2,500 feet long, 100 to 300 feet wide, and served by a ski-tow, is a rendez-vous for beginners and experts alike, while its neighboring Mont Tourbillon is reserved for the more seasoned ski artist. Here is located a professional ski jump, a downhill run of 4,000 feet and a 1,000-foot slalom run.

Lac Beauport is also home of the scenic Sky Line Trail. Ideal weather and snow conditions are the main assets of the Lac Beauport snow-hovel. Deep, dry powder-snow offers the most favorable of ski conditions throughout the winter, snow depths registering as much as six feet, and providing good ski-ing from December till April and sometimes early May.



BOARD MEETS AT OTTAWA

Canadian Service Members of the Joint Canadian-U.S. Defence Board; left to right: Amr Commodore A. A. L. Cuffe, air member, the air staff; Captain L. W. Murray, deputy chief of the naval staff; Brigadier Kenneth Stewart, D.S.O., M.C., deputy chief of the general staff.

Gophers were reported seen on the prairies during Christmas.

Jim Wilson, of Coleman, takes unto himself a wife tomorrow, for better or for worse.

That guy in a restaurant who has nothing to do but shoo flies is an insect blacksmith.

J. J. Korth, for some time section foreman at Lundbreck, has been transferred to Foremost.

Seventy-five carloads of Christmas trees were shipped from the Cranbrook district to the United States.

One or two members of the local treasury house staff were being employed in the government liquor store during the Christmas business rush. Other years employment was given to unemployed.

It is suggested that the treasury branch idea be cancelled for the year 1941, and that the money be used to blotter-surface another 375 miles of our highways. Otherwise, buy a freighter for Britain.

Interesting letters received for free publication during Christmas week include: a little iodine in animal feeds, Manitoba harvests first sugar crop, pioneer farmers of Northern Ontario, city man's dollars turning farmward, find profitable cows, a disheartened bull, short course for factory cheese-makers, field bean and other vegetables, two-rowed barley, average consumption of manure, simplicity of hairdressing, evil traits of gophers and Germans, Mussolini's trend toward hellery, bovine impudence, etc. Made excellent scribbling paper.



"Well, it's a sort of give and take arrangement, Colonel, our fall manoeuvres, his fall plowing."

LOCAL AND GENERAL ITEMS

Dr. T. O'Hagan has been confined to his home at Jasper through illness.

Mrs. E. Tinsline has been quite seriously ill at her home in West Blaimore.

Mr and Mrs. Floyd Smith, of the Buckhorn Ranch, were in town over the week end.

Reference to a "shirrit" in one of our pastoral letters last week was not intended that way.

Some people can think up more excuses for doing wrong than remembering reasons for doing right.

Miss Emmerson, of the Victoria hospital nursing-staff, was home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Emmerson, at Coleman.

Tony Schmiedl has opened up a novelty store in the Bartoris building at the corner of Ninth Avenue and Victoria Street and reports doing a whale of a business.

Tom Beck, Fernie's veteran curler, has decided to quit that roarin' game. He's been at it for 33 years, and its twenty years younger today than if he had never tackled it.

Many of the small town main streets south and north of Calgary were decorated with colored lights by the Calgary Power Co. for Christmas. A very happy gesture indeed.

Members of the local lodge have been invited to attend the regular meeting of the Coleman Lodge of Elks on Thursday, January 9th, when officers are to be installed, followed by a social evening.

Now as we are approaching a new year, it might be well to note that the only things in Alberta not directly taxed are the games of rummy and crap. There is also the bootlegging game to be looked after. That might possibly help to relieve us of the money-house nonsense.

Thirty years ago, Fred Roo claimed that Elko was the Banff of the Crow's Nest Pass, the Switzerland of the Kootenays, and the gateway to the famous and fertile Tobacco Plains. Its location made it an irresistible attraction for tourists and a summer resort for residents of the district. Within the next five years Elko was to be the Crow's Nest what Calgary was to Alberta.

Aberhart urges support of this war effort by not opposing his personal choices of candidates for by-elections. He says: "The basic purpose of the custom of filling seats by acclamation in by-elections is to permit our people to devote their energies, with as little disturbance as possible, to their whole-hearted co-operation and support to the greatest struggle of the ages, the struggle between democracy and totalitarianism, between individual enterprise and regimentation." Oh, yah! Who wants to swallow that?



JACK PEACH

Jack is a native of Calgary, and was educated there and in England. Dramatics, music and writing were his principal extra-mural activities, and in 1934 he was awarded second place for the best performance in the Dominion Drama Festival. He joined the C.B.C. at Vancouver in 1939, after two years in radio at Calgary. A first rate producer, he is also a natural mimic and a sensitive and adroit exponent of the art of burlesque.

LOCAL AND GENERAL ITEMS

Carry your registration certificate.

Born, on Christmas Eve, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lencucha, a son.

A ladies' garter, picked up about two weeks ago, still awaits the owner at our office.

Mr. and Mrs. George Karp and children spent Christmas with friends in Natal.

A Royal Canadian Navy barracks at Halifax was razed to the ground by fire yesterday.

What our country needs is a good, honest, industrious, competent hired man.—Raymond Riley.

The Drumheller Review, published for the past 23 years by C.J. Forritt, has ceased publication.

A Bellevue woman boasts of making tons of Christmas pudding. We tasted a ton of it, and boy, it was a toothful!

Did you get one of those beautiful blue Christmas cards from the town waterworks department? We did.—High River Times.

A number of Lethbridge skiers were somewhat disappointed on arrival in Blaimore on Christmas Day to find that there was scarcely any snow on the ski-way. Sure better luck next time.

The remains of Mrs. M. Rossi, who died on Tuesday, were laid to rest in Catholic cemetery this morning, following service at St. Anne's church. Mrs. Rossi had reached the allotted time of four-score years and had long been a resident of Blaimore. She was a native of Italy and is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. A. Stella, of Blaimore.

A local man has had awfully bad luck the last two or three years. Just a day or so before Christmas each year he has broken his upper set of teeth, and has had to rush away to the doc for repairs. When asked how come that this occurs at the same time each year, he says he breaks them on the hard liquor he takes.

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MEMBERS OF C.B.C. STAFF ON ACTIVE SERVICE

At the outbreak of war thousands of Canadians relinquished their civilian posts and went on active service with their units. Among those to leave in the early months of the war were several members of the C.B.C. staff, now serving in Canada and overseas. These young men have been granted leave of absence for the duration, and, with C.B.C. staff members now attached to the overseas programme unit, form the vanguard of this organization's representation in all branches of military and special war service. Four of them are pictured above: top left, Capt. C. W. Gilchrist, R.C.A.S.C., former Maritimes press representative; top right, Capt. B. E. Robinson, R.C.A.S.C., formerly of the Winnipeg studios; lower left, Lieut. W. E. S. Briggs, R.C.N.R., formerly Royal Tour announcer and producer at Halifax studios, and lower right, Capt. Hamilton Z. Palmer, R.C.A., formerly of the national traffic office. Inset are several members of the C.B.C. national office secretarial staff, with samples of knitted articles which they are forwarding to men on active service.

WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

No more classes of gentlemen cadets will be entered into Royal Military College at Kingston, Ont., until after the war, national defence headquarters announced.

Private W. Laurin of the Canadian Army was fatally injured when he was run over by an ambulance after stepping off the sidewalk in a southern English town.

The Norwegian telegraph bureau reported that General Otto Ruge, who was commander-in-chief of Norway's forces, has been interned in a concentration camp near Dresden, Germany.

The British Broadcasting Corporation reported China and the Soviet Union have signed an agreement under which China is to sell \$100,000,000 worth of tea to the U.S.S.R.

The Dominion bureau of statistics estimated total production of the 1940 Canadian honey crop at 22,633,400 pounds, 21.6 per cent. lower than the 1939 crop.

The Air Department at Melbourne has announced that enlistments for The Royal Australian Air Force in the last six months have been maintained at the rate of five men an hour.

Herbert Morrison, minister of home security, said additional shelter accommodations for 105,000 persons have been provided since October, and the "worst of overcrowding in big shelters is now a thing of the past."

More than 155,000 special \$1 passports have been issued in the last six months, officials said at Ottawa. The passports are being issued at the rate of 250 to 300 a day through the main office in Ottawa and six branch offices.

Rayon From Seaweed

British Scientists Have Found New Method Of Making Fabric

We shall be able to sing "Rule Britannia" a little more loudly than ever when the new type of rayon fabric the basis of which is seaweed comes into general use; Britain's traditional mastery of the seas will have been demonstrated in a new direction.

The basis of the fabric and some of its uses were explained recently by the head of the Leeds University textile department at a meeting in Bradford; apparently it can be blended with wool or other fibres and washes well, and it is also non-inflammable.

The mighty ocean is singularly prolific of seaweed and, apart from some varieties spread on the land as fertilizer, not much use has hitherto been made of it. It sounds a more convenient source of "ersatz" textiles than wood-pulp or milk, both of which are in high demand for other purposes.

There will still be room, of course, for the inevitable joke about German textiles on a wood-pulp basis are reported to be liable to death-water beetle in the trouser pants. Seaweed stockings may be immune from fire but may develop barnacles instead of ladders.—Manchester Guardian.

Transportation In Europe

Gasoline Shortage Makes Use Of Strange Vehicles A Necessity

The horse limousine has made its appearance all over Europe, reports a writer in the London Daily Sketch. It is an ordinary four-wheeled motor car, with a box seat built over the bonnet and a pair of shafts to take a horse. A brewery owner in Copenhagen was the first to convert his American-built saloon car into a horse-drawn vehicle—when petrol shortage followed the Nazi occupation of Denmark. The idea spread over Holland and Belgium, and then down to Paris as soon as the Hun arrived. The rickshaw and the bicycle-made-for-two followed in the wake of the horse limousine. The rickshaw in Paris is simply a tradesman's push cart in which the client sits. He is pulled by the "driver." In the bicycle-made-for-two, the "driver" pedals in front; the "fare" sits in the back seat. The old horse-made-drawn by two animals has made a reappearance in Paris. A horse costs up to 30,000 francs, but it is reported a mule will cost only 25,000.

An historic portrait of Abraham Lincoln by Thomas Hicks, painted from life in Springfield, Ill., in June, 1860, after Lincoln's nomination for the Presidency, was recently sold at auction in New York City for \$11,100.

If there is no such thing as luck, explain why a mud-puddle, a fool driver and a car and your white trousers all happen to be within three feet of each other at the same time.

In Northern Ireland

Guarding Myriad Highways To Withstand Invasion

A thousand and one road blocks of cement and steel, designed to impede any invader guard the myriad highways of Northern Ireland.

They are the strongest and finest devised to date by the military mind and are a vast improvement over the type that once dotted the highways elsewhere in these embattled isles.

There is good reason to believe Lt-General A. G. L. McNaughton may claim credit for the improvement of these vital blocks—at least for pointing out the need for the improvement if not for their actual development.

The Canadian soldier-scientist, whose agile mind is, in reality, a mobile research laboratory, was struck with the inadequacy of the blocks he saw in England and elsewhere. He arranged a demonstration to prove his point. The result was startling.

A monstrous 25-ton tank crushed two types of road barriers in the demonstration, staged before enough generals, brigades and other officers to staff an army.

The tank growled into the first barrier and crumbled it. The other block, whose cement and steel made it seem the last word in impregnable defence, withstood the first battering, but a second charge shattered its vital parts.

The lessons learned at this Canadian-staged show appear to have been embodied in the new blocks which guard Ulster's roads.

Behind these and other defences Irish, English and Welsh troops are settling down in Ulster for a winter of training and intensive schooling in strategy. While the B.T.I. (British Troops in Ireland) is kept for the possibility that invasion may come with to-morrow's dawn, the general belief is that a thrust will not be tried before the spring.

A senior staff officer at Northern Ireland command headquarters told me the educational part of the training program is designed "to broaden the brain pan of the men."

By fostering individual initiative in battle it should make the army more mobile and the attack more fluid.

Has Proved Effective

Idea Of Community Pastures In Western Provinces Was Sound

Community pastures are among the most promising experiments—if they can still be called "experiments"—in the better utilization of land in the prairie provinces. The growth of the movement shows how effective it is proving. Fifty-five of them are now in active operation, comprising over 8 million acres, of which some fifty-seven thousand have been seeded to crested wheat grass, with another fifty thousand to be seeded in the future.

In the 1938-39 season 1,935 horses, 1,281 cattle and 74 sheep were pastured on these projects, in 1939-40, 3,710 horses, 7,712 cattle and 500 sheep; and for the 1940-41 season it is estimated that these pastures will feed 5,000 horses, 3,000 cattle and 700 sheep.

The support thus given to thousands of head of valuable livestock is only a part of the profit the West gets from community pastures. In addition, the land occupied by them, is being improved and in many cases prevented from degeneration into desert, and farmers all around them are profiting by their existence.

A million acres is not a large area in our huge western country, but just as a million acres of depressing dust might spread to many millions more, so a million acres of hopeful husbandry may be expected to spread their lessons of courage, initiative and the utilization of science and commonsense in solving western problems.—Family Herald and Weekly Star.

Eligible For Service

Population of the United States includes more than seven million male whites of foreign birth, with Italians, Germans and Russians leading numerically. A majority are naturalized citizens, including a substantial number of former Canadians who took out papers for business reasons and probably did not contemplate the possibility of a draft for military service.

New airplane passenger and mail services recently instituted have brought the western half of South America and Buenos Aires 24 hours closer to the United States than formerly.

Flour made from soy beans by extracting the oil can be used in making adhesives, glue and insulating materials. It is also utilized in manufacturing insecticides.

SLIM BUTTON-FRONT HOUSE-DRESS

By Anne Adams



A "must have" style for every busy housewife is the convenient button-front mode. This is an especially smart frock by Anne Adams—Pattern 4615. The curved side-front bodice sections are cleverly cut to give ease through the bust, and a smooth, sleek effect at the waist. The skirt panels in front also help to slenderize, while the back is made without a waistline seam. That attractive notched collar may be in colorful contrast, or you might just outline it with ric-rac, perhaps using more ric-rac at the optional pockets and even down the button opening! Sleeves may be long or short. Do order this becoming style without delay!

Pattern 4615 is available in women's sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48 and 50. Size 36 takes 44½ yards 35 inch fabric and 2½ yards ric-rac. Send twenty cents (20c) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this Anne Adams pattern. Write plainly Name, Size, Name, Address and Style Number and send orders to The McNaughton Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Ave. E., Winnipeg.

North Pole At Sea Level

The North Pole is at sea level and the Arctic region has considerable rain and supports about 1,500,000 inhabitants. In contrast, the South Pole is at altitude of 9,000 feet and the Antarctic region has no rain and no permanent human life.

The sun is 92,000,000 miles away from the earth, but the next nearest star to us, the Alpha Centauri, is 25,000,000,000 miles distant.

Hitler boasts he has no intention of winding up his career as Napoleon did, but neither had Napoleon.

BOOST BOMBER FUND



P. C. Oke, freight carpenter at Weston Shops, hands over to W. Worboys, one of the Golden Bomber Fund committee from the shops, a Queen Victoria Jubilee sovereign of 1887 to swell the Canadian Pacific Railway's western sales quota of \$50,000 to help buy an airplane bomber in freedom's cause. This particular gift was a keepsake brooch donated by Mr. Oke's wife and is one of the many personal gifts made spontaneously by C.P.R. employees and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Oke have two sons serving with the Canadian forces overseas. The Oke is a South African War veteran. When the entire fund is collected, \$100,000 will be handed over to the authorities by the C.P.R.

Find Children Adaptable

Teachers Say British War Guests Are Living Co-Education

A term of Canadian schooling has shown British war guests here to be well ahead of Canadian pupils in some subjects—behind in others.

They are poor mathematicians, but excellent linguists; their oral English is "outstanding," according to Principal H. F. Gaulton of Rossdale School. "I do not believe they are as vigorous physically as our children," Mr. Gaulton said. "They seem more engrossed in mental pursuits. But on the whole it would be pretty hard for an observer to pick out the Britisher in our playground. The only real difference is in accent."

The children are happy. Co-education is new to most of them, and both boys and girls "like it." Snow is "what we like most in Canada," one girl declared.

A nine-year-old was critical of his government. "We were given only 24 hours' sailing notice and I had no time to collect my skates, which I think very badly here. Don't you think the government should have given us more notice?"

The teachers aren't as "cranky" here, was another youngster's contribution, as the relative merits of the British one and the Canadian strap were being discussed. "We have to lean over and touch our toes, and our headmaster has three bamboo canes—a short one, a medium and a long one," he said graphically. Disparity in the educations of Canadian and English children is overcome by the age of 10, teachers agreed. Thereafter they are on equal footing as "the British child slows down to our pace."

One teacher spoke of the Canadian pupils, commenting on their "remarkable sympathy and understanding in helping their young guests to adjust themselves."

Plastic Planes

Government Seeks Exclusive Rights To Vidal Process

The Dominion government has obtained exclusive rights to the Vidal plastic process for aircraft production in Canada and has ordered two plastic fuselages to be given "destruction tests," the munitions and supply department announced.

"These fuselages will be carried through to destruction tests and if they are successful, airplanes with plastic fuselages, wings, tail plane assemblies and other components may be flying over Canada before the end of 1941," said Ralph Bell, director-general of aircraft production.

"If the process yields a product that will do all that its inventors claim for it, Canada will be in the forefront of this field," Bell said.

The department said the use of plastics would have two important results in aircraft production, a sharp reduction in costs and a substantial increase in output.

"Various components which now take days to produce could be turned out in hours and there would be great savings in man-hours in many phases of manufacture," said the statement.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 29

JESUS REQUIRES FAITHFULNESS

Golden Text: To whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required, Luke 12:48.

Lesson: Luke 11. Devotional reading: Revelation 3: 10-12.

Explanations and Comments

A Lesson on Preparedness, Luke 12:35-40. Watch eagerly for the coming of the king, Jesus bade his disciples, even as servants of a master who, with their long flowing robes caught up by a girdle that they may move more freely, and with their lamps burning, await his return from the marriage feast, ready to open the door quickly for him. When the master finds them thus waiting, he in his joy will himself take the place of a servant and sit them at his table and will serve them.

Jesus next used a new figure, that of a master of the house on his guard against the coming of a thief at an unexpected time. And the conclusion of it all, as he also ready, for in an hour that ye think not, the Son of man cometh.

A Lesson in Faithfulness, Luke 12: 41-48. "Speculate thus this parable unto us, or even unto all?" Peter wanted to know, and though instead of a direct answer Jesus gave another parable, we see that his words were directed mainly to the apostles, to those in authority. His words showed Peter and the rest that the privileged are those who fulfil the condition of faithfulness. "Who, then [if not each of you] is the faithful and wise steward," Jesus asked, "whom his lord shall put over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?" Great shall be the reward of those found faithful. "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find doing."

Notice the parallelism in verse 37: in verse 37 faithfulness is enjoined, and in verse 43, work; in the former, rest is promised and in the latter, rule.

The parable concludes with a sentence in which the whole law of stewardship, of personal responsibility, is condensed; And to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required; and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more.

Canada Carries On

Red Cross Campaign Has Gone Over The Top

The Canadian Red Cross Society has gone well over the top in its nationwide appeal for \$5,000,000 and the total realized to date is \$5,904,989. It was announced by Norman Somerville, K.C., National chairman. Campaigns in most provinces have been complete for some weeks, but announcement of the result has been held up pending a report from Alberta, where the campaign has been delayed to meet local conditions. Alberta so far has realized \$259,514 on its \$300,000 objective, and the indications are that the province will go well over the top.

Every other province in the Dominion has exceeded its objective. Ontario leads with a total of \$2,869,236, exceeding its goal by more than \$400,000. Quebec, aiming for \$1,000,000, collected \$1,245,000. Results in the other provinces are: Prince Edward Island, \$28,000; Nova Scotia, \$220,151; New Brunswick, \$130,088; Manitoba, \$368,000; Saskatchewan, \$250,000; British Columbia, \$335,000. "The society accepts this splendid result as a further mandate to carry on the campaign of mercy for the relief of suffering caused by war among both the military and civilian population," Mr. Somerville said. "Every air raid in Britain makes a new challenge to the society, which is met at once by the provision of supplies made by the women of Canada and stored in Great Britain to meet such emergencies. Canada intends to carry on."

Will Need More Donors

Capacity Of Blood Powder Machine

May Soon Be Doubled The capacity of a machine which turns 100 quarts of blood weekly into a powder for use in transfusions for Canada's armed forces may soon be doubled, Dr. D. Y. Solandt of the University of Toronto, announced. The machine, purchased through the department of national defence, is being operated by Dr. C. H. Best in the university's physiological hygiene department.

Dr. Solandt said the powder blood is mixed with water for transfusions and in deliveries will be used for all transfusion work after the war. It eliminates the need for "typing" blood and is not affected by temperature. It lasts indefinitely.

If the machine's capacity is doubled the Canadian Red Cross Society will be asked to supply 800 donors a week, Dr. Solandt said.

The United States Department of Conservation statistics show that approximately 20,000,000,000 feet of timber in the U.S. are still standing in North Carolina forests.

Health LEAGUE OF CANADA presents TOPICS OF VITAL INTEREST by DR. J. W. S. McCULLOUGH

"THE CANADIAN MOTHER AND CHILD"

"Those who are aware of the ill-effects suffered in childhood through lack of adequate care will welcome this book as a contribution to the well-being of mother and child," says R. E. Woodhouse, M.D., Deputy Minister of the Department of Pensions and National Health, in a foreword to "The Canadian Mother and Child," written by Ernest Couture, M.D., Director of the Child and Maternal Hygiene Division and published by the Department, for free distribution.

It would be difficult to speak too highly in praise of the book referred to, either as regards its manner or its contents. Any young and inexperienced prospective mother would gain confidence and reassurance from its perusal, and the mother of a family may obtain from it much valuable information.

Throughout the work, the usual technical style of the medical writer is noticeably absent. Instead, facts, suggestions and advice are simply worded and presented in a chatty, informal manner which adds to their effectiveness.

The book, containing some 223 pages of reading matter, is divided into four main sections: Care of the Expectant Mother; The Baby's Arrival; Care of the Baby; and the Ideal Baby. Each section is divided into chapters completely covering the subject, while an exhaustive index makes reference easy. Charts, diagrams and photographic reproductions still further simplify the content.

Such topics as diet, exercise, clothing and general hygiene for the expectant mother are discussed in Part I, the need for pre-natal care being stressed.

Instructions, technical in matter but not in language, are supplied for the benefit of mothers in isolated areas who may be unable to secure the services of a midwife. Care of the baby occupies many pages.

The treatment of childhood common ailments is dealt with, and the little volume is a most practical guide for knitting and making various garments, and recipes for baby, nutritious and simple food.

"The Canadian Mother and Child," of which a French edition is now in course of preparation, may be obtained without charge by filling in and mailing the attached form to the National Health, Division of Pensions and National Health, Daily Building, Ottawa, Canada.

Please send me, free of charge, a copy of "The Canadian Mother and Child."

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Important Aviation Research

Discloses That Successful Pilots Usually Have Muscular Ability

The University of Toronto is the empire centre of research in a work which may well establish the difference between victory and defeat in the air, Dr. H. G. Armstrong told the Royal Canadian Institute in Convocation hall. Dr. Armstrong is the author of the only book in existence on "Aviation Medicine," and this year he will with two other doctors receive from President Roosevelt a trophy for the year's most valuable contribution to aviation.

One of the most important branches of the research was that in high altitude flying, he said.

Research had disclosed characteristics usually found in successful pilots, Dr. Armstrong said. "One is inherent muscular ability. 'It isn't necessarily developed, but you'll find very few pilots who can't carry a tune or who couldn't be trained to play a musical instrument,'" he said.

Sabotage Problem

United States Investigators Have Matter Well In Hand

Leading New York industrialists were told by Edward A. Tamm, assistant director of the federal bureau of investigation, that the F.B.I. has the question of sabotage and espionage well in hand in the United States.

"To-day," the F.B.I. knows the leaders of the foreign espionage in the United States," Tamm said. "True, there have been relatively few arrests and prosecutions. Flushing the quarry now would not make America more secure. On the other hand, it is still standing in the way of the advances that have been made."

Premier Aberhart is spending the Yuletide with his family at Vancouver.

Dr. R. L. Garner, formerly of Fernie, died at Vancouver on December 19th, aged 68.

Thirty tons of live turkeys were recently shipped to coast points from Red Deer. Prices were from 14 to 19 cents per pound.

Last week the R.C.M.P. served a warrant on a man occupying a grave in the Queen's Park cemetery. They always get their man!

In the Calgary poultry show last week, F. J. Robinson, of Fernie, won the T. Eaton Company trophy for the best display of Leghorns. Albert Peters, also of Fernie, was a special prize winner.



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Miss Caroline Moore, R. N., was down from Michel to spend the week-end with her parents.

Born, on Saturday night, December 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chappell (nee Ima Standifer) a daughter.

Over 175 railway cars, holding 375,000 fir Christmas trees were shipped from Antigonish and Guysborough counties of Nova Scotia to the United States.

Rev. Dr. C. E. Bland, well known retired United Church minister, died at Vancouver on Thursday night last. Dr. Bland, of Toronto, is a brother.

Congratulations to Mr. Joseph Howe and his sister Ruby, Mrs. "Chuck" Decoux, both of whom celebrated their birthdays on Christmas Day.

A Canadian aircraftman was at Regina found guilty of making statements intended to or likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty, and was fined \$25 or a month in jail.

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Local and General Items

The Editor will be glad to receive items for this section, regarding visitors, entertainers, parties leaving for holidays or short trips, bridge parties, teas, showers, presentations, and varieties, etc. Please leave in to 11 or hand them in at The Enterprise office not later than Thursday evenings.

Kimberley's "Smash Hitler" fund has sent over \$8,000 overseas.

Mussolini's back is bent more'n ever. He hurt it last week backing up.

The "C.A.T.S." attended the Sunday evening service at the United church in a body.

Sam Patterson suffered an injury to his left hand at the mine the early part of the week.

Pete only realized on Wednesday that turkey stuffing was different to stuffing with turkey.

Jas. F. Smith, proprietor of the Cosmopolitan hotel, spent Christmas Day with relatives in Calgary.

We've got the bacon, Jimmy Gray and Bill Chappell the turkeys, an hootnell got the spuds and haggis!

Thirty years ago Andy Good, of Crow's Nest, sold twenty-five miles of coal lands in the Flathead district.

Britain has asked for another 1,000 Newfoundlanders for the Navy. Newfoundland already has 3,910 men in the Navy.

One thousand dollars, practically the entire proceeds of a hockey game was reported stolen from a home in Lethbridge.

According to estimates, if all the solid surfaces of the earth were reduced to a common level, the waters of the globe would cover it entirely to a depth of between two and three miles.

The premier of Alberta has, it is reported, gone to the coast for a well-earned Yuletide holiday. In the meantime the Alberta government will continue to aid Canada's war effort as usual.—Albertan.

Robert Sommerville, formerly manager of the Jasper Park Lodge, has been appointed manager of the Bessborough Hotel at Saskatoon. R. E. Cuhney, assistant manager of the Chateau Laurier at Ottawa, becomes manager of Jasper Park Lodge.

The Beothic, flagship of the Newfoundland sealing fleet, ran ashore recently at Cape Bauld and was believed to be a total wreck. Only a couple of months ago, another well known ship of the fleet, the Imogene, came to grief on the Nova Scotia coast.

Premier Aberhart of Alberta regards the financial recommendations of the Rowell-Sirois Commission as the road to autocracy. He professes to see democracy threatened in Canada by implementation of the report. It would be interesting to know how the Social Credit leader regards the recent decision of the Alberta Social Credit League to exclude the press from its sessions.—Financial Post.

Many merchants are led to believe by travelling salesmen that in order to make sure of having calendars for Christmas distribution they must be ordered twelve or thirteen months ahead. The Enterprise has made delivery of calendars this year in less than twenty days after receipt of order. In one case we made delivery in nine days. But the travelling salesman gets away with his "bull" and the commission and travelling expenses as well.

President Fisher's report to the annual meeting of the Alberta Motor Association declared among other things that "from a motorist's standpoint, improvements of main highways in Alberta this past year has been disappointing. So far as the territory within this branch is concerned, road improvement was confined to the following: seal coats to the highway between Lethbridge and Monarch, and between Hellevoet and Coleman, and repairs to the road from Waterton to Pincher Creek, and from Pincher Creek to Macleod."

Joe says Craxynni is a field marshal in Italy, working for Crazy Mussolini.

Little Willie wants to know why it's the lower side of the tire that gets flat.

While at the coast, Able should tell everybody about his silly banking experiment.

The stock visited Wainwright four times on December 20th, leaving Christmas boxes.

G. D. Jatox, of Edmonton, has been re-elected president of the Alberta Motor Association.

Mrs. Jack Kerr is a Christmas holiday guest of her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chappell.

John Angus McDonald died at McLellan's Brook, Nova Scotia, on December 7th. Of course, he's still alive in Alberta.

Marriage is an institution. Marriage is love. Love is blind. Therefore, marriage is an institution for the blind.—The Wake.

Lord Halifax has been named British ambassador to the United States. Anthony Eden succeeds him as foreign secretary.

George Bamforth, of Hillcrest, is spending Christmas with his sons, Norman and Thomas, at Nokomis, in Saskatchewan.

A Lethbridge flower house received an order from a Coleman citizen last week which read: "For mother, send a bunch of hardly ever blooming roses!"

The annual New Year's Day levee will be held as usual by the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. J. G. Bowen, at the opening of 1941, between 3 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

A year ago December 17th the first Canadian contingent landed in the United Kingdom, vanguard of the thousands of sons of Canada who now form the Canadian army in England.

Recently the following testimony was received by a patent medicine concern: "For nine years I was totally deaf, and after using your medicine for only ten days I heard from my brother in Nebraska."

As a Christmas box, a Cranbrook hen presented an egg weighing four ounces and measuring three inches in length and 6½ inches in circumference. She remarked: "Boys, keep it quiet—there are real old hens!"

As a real treat, Nalal-Michel miners gave each of the 650 children of the twin towns under the age of 15 years \$1.50 cash. The union also sent \$5 to each of the 80 boys serving with the forces in Canada and overseas.

Privates Raymond Cumming, of the P.C.C.I., Winnipeg, and his brother Royce, of the Edmonton Fusiliers, have been visiting with their parents in Hillcrest and sister, Mrs. Page, in Blaimore, over the Christmas holiday.

The story is told of a local Scotchie, who, after feeling the furnace on Christmas Eve, wandered for a while on an open case of apples. Waking next morning, he found the apples were just nicely cooked, so Scotchie thanked the kind donor of a couple of hot toddlers of rum.

The Sunday evening service at the United church took on a very Christmas aspect. Instead of the regular sermon, a cantata was rendered by the girls' choir, with assistance from the string orchestra. Mr. J. E. Upton was in charge of the orchestra, with Mrs. A. McKay in charge of the choir. A record congregation was in attendance. Christmas service was held at the church on Christmas morning at 11 o'clock.

We thank the Royal Bank of Canada for one of their beautiful and useful 1941 calendars.

The output of Canada's sugar refining industry in 1939 amounted to 1,106,596,894 pounds, an increase of 113,124,230 pounds over 1938.

The city of Drumheller has purchased the Drumheller arena for a consideration of \$4,000. The arena is likely to be leased to the Kinsmen's Club.

A few weeks ago we published the following advice for the cook's benefit: "Place the end of a fork between your teeth while peeling onions if you want to keep from shedding tears on the job." Should have added: "but hang on to the fork with both hands."

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Hitler and Mussolini are pictured as two of a kind. Yes, Hitler is one and Mussolini is the other kind.

We often notice newspaper articles headed: "New Teacher Engaged." Well, that's what should happen thousands of the old ones.

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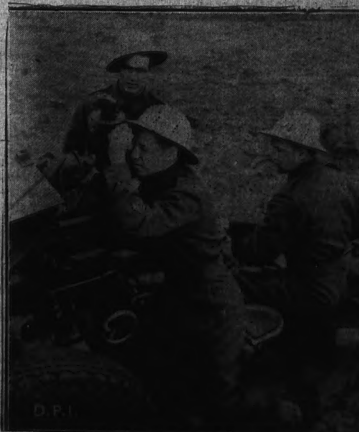
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